



## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council**

**Thursday 27 November 2025**

**4:00 PM**

**Yass High School  
Grampian Street, Yass**

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 4.32pm and advised that the meeting would be webcast live.

### **Present**

Councillors Jasmin Jones (Mayor), Cecil Burgess, Kristin Butler (Deputy Mayor), Alvaro Charry, David Carter (via Teams), Adrian Cameron and Allan McGrath.

Officers also present were Gayleen Burley (Chief Executive Officer), Andrew Neil (Director of Planning & Environment), Terry Cooper (Acting Director Infrastructure & Assets), Peta Gardiner (Director of Corporate & Community) Jason McGuire (Chief Financial Officer), Caitlin Flint (Senior Advisor Governance), Chloe Johnson (Executive Support Officer) and Katie Yeo (Learning & Development Officer)

### **Open Forum**

No	Item No	Title	Name	For or Against	In Person or Via Teams
1	6.1	DA250545 – Electronic Scoreboard – Joe O’Conner Park – 16 Laidlaw Street, Yass	Rodney Therkelsen	Against	In Person
2	6.3	Draft Renewable Energy Community-Benefit Policy	Emma Webb	Against	In Person

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

Yass Valley acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continued connection to land, waters, skies and community.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Yass Valley Local Government Area.

### **Prayer**

#### **1. Councillor Request for Attendance via Audio-Visual**

##### **Motion**

***RESOLVED that the request for remote attendance by Cr Carter be approved for the Council meeting via audio-visual link.***

***(Charry/Cameron) 372***

#### **2. Apologies**

##### **Motion**

***RESOLVED that Council accept the apology for Cr David Rothwell.***

***(Charry/Burgess) 373***

- Mayor Jasmin Jones advised that Councillor Fleur Flanery would attend the meeting late.

### **3. Declaration of Interest/Disclosures**

**Councillor Butler**, Declared a Non-Pecuniary – Less than Significant Conflict of Interest and will remain in the meeting for Item 6.5 Council Sporting Facilities – User Charges Review.

**Reason:** Active Volunteer in Murrumbateman Little Athletics.

**Councillor Jones**, Declared a Non-Pecuniary – Less than Significant Conflict of Interest and will leave the meeting for Item 6.22 Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund 2025/2026.

**Reason:** Family member is on the board of an association with a grant application for Combined Churches Carols free event.

**Councillor Burgess**, Declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest and will leave the meeting for Item 10.1 Bango Wind Farm Community Enhancement Funds Advisory Committee.

**Reason:** Landowner adjacent to the Bango Wind Farm area.

### **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 October 2025 covered by resolution numbers 342-367 inclusive, copies of which had been circulated to all Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed.***

***(Burgess/Butler) 374***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Councillor A Cameron

***RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 12 November 2025 covered by resolution numbers 368 – 371 inclusive, copies of which had been circulated to all Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed.***

***(Cameron/Charry) 375***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

### **5. Mayoral Minute**

#### **5.1 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT ACT**

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#### **SUMMARY**

***RESOLVED that Council:***

- 1. Does not support the EPA Amendment Act to remove local Councillor decision-making powers in determining Development Applications that impact our community***
- 2. If the State Government is committed to the implementation of Local Planning Panels (LPPs) then Council calls for:***
  - a. the immediate inclusion of Local Councillor representation on the LPPs and***

- b. the allocation of appropriate funding commensurate with the implementing and operational costs of the LPPs.*
- 3. A Mayoral letter be sent to the Hon Chris Minns MP – NSW Premier; the Hon Paul Scully MP – Minister for Planning and Public Spaces; the Hon Ron Hoenig MP – Minister for Local Government and Mrs Wendy Tuckerman MP – Member for Goulburn, detailing:**
  - a. Council's objection to the removal of local Council decision making and representation in determining local Development Applications that impact our community; and*
  - b. advocate for State Government funding to meet the implementation and operating costs of the LPP.*

*(Jones)*      **376**

FOR:            Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath  
AGAINST:    Nil

## **5.2 VALE MARK LIVERMORE**

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### **SUMMARY**

A message of condolence from the Mayor on behalf of Yass Valley Council has been expressed to the family of former long standing employee Mr Mark Andrew Livermore following his sudden passing on the 31st of October 2025.

***RESOLVED that Council note a message of condolence from the Mayor on behalf of Yass Valley Council has been expressed to the family of Mr Mark Andrew Livermore.***

*(Jones)*      **377**

FOR:            Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath  
AGAINST:    Nil

## **6. Reports to Council**

### **6.1 DA250545 - ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD - JOE O'CONNOR PARK - 16 LAIDLAW STREET, YASS**

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#### **SUMMARY**

To present the assessment of Development Application No. DA250545 for the installation of an electronic scoreboard at 16 Laidlaw Street, Yass known as Joe O'Connor Park. The application is presented to Council for determination as Joe O'Connor Park is Crown Land managed by Council. The application attracted two objections, and the concerns raised in these submissions can be appropriately addressed by conditions of consent. Approval is recommended.

***RESOLVED that conditional Development Consent be issued for Development Application No. DA250545 for the installation of an electronic scoreboard at 16 Laidlaw Street, Yass.***

**(Charry/Butler) 378**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: A Cameron

#### **Suspension of Standing Orders**

***RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended in order to bring forward the following items to be dealt with at this time:***

- ***Item 6.6 Draft Sutton Recreation Ground Strategic Plan***
- ***Item 6.7 Draft Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan 2025***
- ***Item 6.8 Alcohol Free Zone***
- ***Item 6.10 Code of Conduct Complaints***
- ***Item 6.13 Individual Performance Reviews of Independent chair, Independent Committee Members of the ARIC***
- ***Item 6.14 Monthly Financial Report***
- ***Item 6.15 Investment and Borrowings Report***
- ***Item 9.1 Minutes of the Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Committee held on 10 November 2025***

**(Charry/McGrath) 379**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.2 ENGINEERING STANDARDS FOR PARKWOOD DCP

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### SUMMARY

It is anticipated that the first development application for the area covered by *Yass Valley Local Environmental Plan (Parkwood) 2020* (Parkwood LEP) will be lodged with Council in 2027. In order for development applications to be processed in a consistent and timely manner, the provisions of the Parkwood LEP need to be met, including the implementation of a Development Control Plan (DCP) for the area covered by Parkwood LEP.

The DCP is in final draft stages and is being workshopped by Council staff in conjunction with the proponent. This resolution will enable the finalisation of the Draft DCP to proceed to exhibition, subject to a separate resolution of Council.

#### **RESOLVED that :**

- 1. Council endorse the use of the relevant Australian Capital Territory (ACT) standards for the provision of infrastructure in the area covered by the Parkwood LEP.***

***(Charry/McGrath) 380***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.3 DRAFT RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMUNITY-BENEFIT POLICY

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### SUMMARY

To present the draft Renewable Energy Community-Benefit policy for adoption. Two submissions were received during the public exhibition period.

#### **RESOLVED that council:**

- 1. Undertakes to seek further input and community feedback on a Renewable Energy Community-Benefit Policy***
- 2. Delegates the CEO or the nominated delegate to engage with the Binalong, Bookham, Bowning and Wee Jasper Community Associations on the draft Renewable Energy Community-Benefit Policy, and any other relevant community stakeholders, in February-March 2026 with councillor attendance encouraged.***

***(Jones/Butler) 381***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil



**Suspension of Standing Orders**

***RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended in order to bring in Councillor Flanery via Audio visual link.***

***(Charry/Cameron) 382***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

**Motion**

***RESOLVED that Council allow Councillor Flanery be brought into the meeting via Audio visual link.***

***(Charry/Cameron) 383***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

At 5.06 pm Councillor Flanery was admitted to the meeting via Audio visual link.

**Resumption of Standing Orders**

***RESOLVED that Standing Orders be resumed.***

***(McGrath/Butler) 384***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

**6.4 DRAFT PARKS AND PLAY STRATEGY 2025**

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**SUMMARY**

To present the draft Parks and Play Strategy 2025 for endorsement to be publicly exhibited for 28 days.

***RESOLVED that Council:***

- 1. Endorse the draft Parks and Play Strategy 2025 for public exhibition until 31 January 2026 and if no submissions are received, the strategy be adopted.***

***(Butler/Cameron) 385***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Councillors D Carter, A Charry and F Flanery

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## 6.5 COUNCIL SPORTING FACILITIES - USER CHARGES REVIEW

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### SUMMARY

As per the resolution of the meeting of 23 June, 2025, Council has undertaken additional consultation and review of calculation methods, to determine the preferred sporting facility user charges calculation rate.

#### **RESOLVED that Council notes:**

- 1. The calculation rate "Option 1 – Annualised Fee – Percentage of Use (including community use)" at a 15% cost recovery rate is to be applied to calculate the future setting of fees and charges for annual sports and equestrian groups.**
- 2. The Pool lane hire – not for profit fee (\$0.70 per person/per day) yearly by the indexed CPI and Council Standard Rounding Policy is to be included in the 26/27 proposed fees and charges, to be presented to Council at a future meeting.**
- 3. The "Sportsground Booking Fee – Casual Users" at \$250 per event is to be included in the 26/27 proposed fees and charges, to be presented to Council at a future meeting.**

**(Jones/McGrath)**

FOR: Councillor A McGrath

AGAINST: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery and J Jones

**The Motion was put and lost.**

## 6.6 DRAFT SUTTON RECREATION GROUND STRATEGIC PLAN 2025

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### SUMMARY

To present the draft Sutton Recreation Ground Strategic Plan 2025 for endorsement to be publicly exhibited for 28 days.

#### **RESOLVED that Council:**

- 1. Endorse the draft Sutton Recreation Ground Strategic plan 2025 for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and if no submissions are received, the strategy be adopted.**

**(Charry/McGrath) 386**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.7 DRAFT MURRUMBATEMAN RECREATION GROUND STRATEGIC PLAN 2025

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### SUMMARY

To present the outcomes of the consultation period for the draft Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan 2025.

It is recommended that the finalised draft strategic plan is adopted (**Attachment A**).

**RESOLVED that Council adopts the draft Murrumbateman Recreation Ground Strategic Plan 2025.**

**(Charry/McGrath) 387**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.8 ALCOHOL FREE ZONE - YASS MAIN STREET

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### SUMMARY

To seek Council endorsement to proceed with community engagement regarding the renewal of the Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) in the Yass main street. This is due to expire on 16 December 2025, after its 4 year approval period ends. This will not impact local licensed or BYO businesses who serve alcohol responsibly in outdoor dining areas.

**RESOLVED that :**

- 1. Council endorse the recommendation to seek community feedback on the renewal of the Alcohol Free Zone in the Yass main street precinct in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones;**
- 2. If no objections to the proposal are received, the Yass Alcohol Free Zone be established for a four year period as per the map in Attachment A.**

**(Charry/McGrath) 388**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## **6.9 YASS WATER TREATMENT PLANT - TELSTRA ASSETS AND TV RETRANSMISSION ASSETS**

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### **SUMMARY**

This report informs the relocation of Telstra telecommunication assets and Council's TV retransmission equipment located within the Yass Water Treatment Plant (WTP) premises to enable construction of a future water reservoir and trunk water main.

#### **RESOLVED that :**

- 1. Council notes the new designated location within the Yass Water Treatment Plant premises for the purposes of a Telstra telecommunication facility.**
- 2. Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a Heads of Agreement with Telstra for the use of the designated location for the telecommunications facility.**

**(Charry/Burgess) 389**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## **6.10 CODE OF CONDUCT - COMPLAINT STATISTICS REPORT FOR 2023-24 AND 2024-25**

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### **SUMMARY**

*The Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Councils in NSW* obliges the officer of Council that is designated as 'complaints coordinator' must ensure that statistics on code of conduct complaints made about the General Manager [Chief Executive Officer] and councillors are lodged with the NSW Office of Local Government with 3 months from the end of September each year.

**RESOLVED that Council receive and note the report on Code of Conduct complaints for 2023-24 and 2024-25 submitted to the NSW Office of Local Government under clause 11.2 of the Procedures for the Administration for the Model Code of Conduct for Councils in NSW.**

**(Charry/McGrath) 390**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## **6.11 MANAGING UNREASONABLE CONDUCT TOWARDS YVC AND ITS EMPLOYEES POLICY**

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### **SUMMARY**

This policy is designed to help Council take a systematic and consistent approach to managing their interactions with people engaging in unreasonable conduct. It provides a series of suggestions and strategies to assist all staff members – not just frontline officers – to appropriately interact with all people they come into contact within the course of their work, particularly those who are perceived to be behaving unreasonably.

#### **RESOLVED that :**

- 1. Council endorses the draft Managing Unreasonable Conduct towards Yass Valley Council and its Employees Policy for public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and if no submissions are received, the policy be adopted.***
- 2. If one or more submissions are made during the public exhibition period, a future report will be presented to Council.***

**(Butler/Charry) 391**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Councillor A Cameron

## **6.12 HARDSHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY**

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### **SUMMARY**

Council has an existing Hardship Policy (FM-CP-08) which was last reviewed in September 2020. As result of the lapse of time, and economic climate we currently exist in, the policy has had a number of content changes and has been expanded to provide greater detail on all relevant considerations of hardship applications as dictated and considered by the *Local Government Act 1993*.

#### **RESOLVED that :**

- 1. Council endorse the revised Hardship and Financial Assistance Policy for public exhibition 31 January 2026 and if no submissions are received, the policy be adopted.***
- 2. If one or more submissions are made during the public exhibition period, a further report will be presented to Council.***

**(McGrath/Charry) 392**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

### **6.13 INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS OF INDEPENDENT CHAIR AND INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

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#### **SUMMARY**

This report provides information about the recent Performance Reviews of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Chair and Committee members and seeks Council's support for the recommendation in the performance review.

***RESOLVED that Council endorse the Review Panel's recommendation to extend the Independent Chairperson and Committee Members appointments on Yass Valley Council's ARIC with the following terms:***

***4 years – Mr Stephen Coates (Chairperson),***

***3 years – Ms Rachel Harris, and***

***2 years – Mr Bryce McNair.***

***(Charry/McGrath) 393***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

### **6.14 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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#### **SUMMARY**

This monthly financial report provides information about Council's financial position at the end of October 2025. The report also includes a variance analysis against the full-year budget and budget year to date (YTD).

Note an Investment and Borrowing Report is prepared and is presented to Council as a separate report.

***RESOLVED that the Monthly Financial Report for October 2025 be noted.***

***(Charry/McGrath) 394***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.15 INVESTMENT AND BORROWING REPORT

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### SUMMARY

In accordance with clause 212 *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report provides a summary of Council's investments for the period 1 to 31 October 2025. In accordance with paragraph (1) (b), it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

***RESOLVED that the Investment & Borrowings Reports, covering the period 1 to 31 October 2025 be noted.***

***(Charry/McGrath) 395***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.16 AUDITED 2024/25 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### SUMMARY

The Audit Office report on the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 has been received. Council is now required to adopt the annual financial statements and place the audited statements on public exhibition.

***RESOLVED that Council:***

***1. adopts the audited 2024/25 Annual Financial Statements.***

***(Carter/Charry) 396***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

At 6.08pm Councillor Cameron left the Chambers.

At 6.11pm Councillor Cameron returned to the Chambers.

## 6.17 2025/26 FIRST QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT

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### SUMMARY

This report represents the 2025-26 First Quarter Budget Review Statement (QBR1) for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025. The review demonstrates Council's projected year end consolidated Net Operating Result before Capital items remains negative and is predicted to be (\$1.5M) compared to the original consolidated budgeted deficit of (\$1.8M). Actual results as at 30 September show a surplus of \$17.0M due to rate and annual charges recognised in July with expenses evenly spread across the year.

#### **RESOLVED that Council:**

- 1. Notes the 2025-26 First Quarter Budget Review.**
- 2. Adopts the adjustments detailed in the 2025-26 First Quarter Budget Review Report.**
- 3. In accordance with the Local Government (General Regulation (NSW) Clause 203 (2)(a), Council notes its financial position as at 30 September 2025 as being satisfactory, having regard to revised projected estimates of income and expenditure from this review.**
- 4. Notes that the 2025-26 First Quarter Budget Review Statement will be provided to the Office of Local Government.**

**(McGrath/Cameron) 397**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.18 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP - QUARTERLY UPDATE

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### SUMMARY

A major focus outlined in the Council's Delivery Program is to progress work required to improve Council's Financial Sustainability. In August 2025 Council endorsed the Financial Sustainability Roadmap (FSR) as a key document underpinning its planned progression towards Financial Sustainability. This report provides an update on the implementation of the Action Plan included in the FSR.

**RESOLVED that Council receive and note this report outlining the implementation of the Action Plan contained in the Financial Sustainability Roadmap.**

**(Cameron/Charry) 398**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil



## 6.19 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2026

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### SUMMARY

On 10 October 2024 at the first Council Meeting after the declaration of the Poll, Council resolved to retain the current meeting schedule as indicated in the then current Code of Meeting Practice (**Resolution 2025/3**). A considerable review of the Code of Meeting Practice has taken place in recent months as a result of the new Model Code of Meeting Practice being released. The current Code of Meeting Practice (currently on public exhibition) reflects the below recommendation, however changes to the Council Meeting schedule can be made prior to the formal adoption of the Code, meaning now is a crucial time to make any alterations for the remainder of the Council term.

*(Charry/Butler)*

***RESOLVED that Council move into Committee of the Whole to discuss item 6.19.***

*(Charry/Butler)399*

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

***RESOLVED that Council move out of Committee of the Whole.***

*(Burgess/Cameron)400*

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

***RESOLVED that Council retain the current schedule as per the Code of Meeting Practice***

***(a) Ordinary meetings of council will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month with the exception of December and January. The ordinary meeting held in December will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and there will be no ordinary meeting in January.***

***(b) Open forum will be conducted on the Tuesday of the week of the Council Meeting, commencing at 5.15pm during daylight savings and at 4:00pm alternatively.***

***(c) The day and time of the ordinary meetings of council may be changed by resolution of council.***

*(Charry/Butler)401*

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Cr D Carter

## 6.20 YASS VALLEY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

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### SUMMARY

This report is to present the Council the 2024/25 Annual Report.

#### ***RESOLVED that Council resolves***

- 1. To adopt the Yass Valley Council Annual Report for 2024/2025 in accordance with Section 428, of the Local Government Act 1993, Part 9, Division 7, of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and other applicable legislation.***
- 2. That Councils Chief Executive Officer (or her delegate) notify the Office of Local Government of this publication by providing a URL link to Council website.***

***(Butler/Cameron) 402***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 6.21 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY - DRAFT ACTION PLAN

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### SUMMARY

A report to the May Council Meeting highlighted the results of the Community Satisfaction Survey, which was undertaken in November 2024. The survey measured the community's satisfaction and priorities regarding Council-managed facilities and services. At the May 2025 Council Meeting, Council resolved that a further report be brought to Council to address the identified priority areas of low satisfaction. This report provides a Draft Yass Valley Council Community Satisfaction Action Plan for adoption.

#### ***RESOLVED that Council endorses the draft Community Satisfaction Action Plan for implementation.***

***(Charry/Carter) 403***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

At 6.46pm Mayor Jones left the meeting and Deputy Mayor Kristin Butler resumed the Chair.

## 6.22 RYE PARK WIND FARM COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND 2025/2026

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### SUMMARY

The Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Committee held a meeting on 10 November 2025 to assess the community applications from the first round of TILT Rye Park Wind Farm funding, as per the Voluntary Planning Agreement. This report is seeking Council's acceptance of the decision made by the Committee.

***RESOLVED that Council endorse the Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Committee's recommendation for funding allocation.***

***(McGrath/Cameron)404***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

At 6.50pm Mayor Jones returned to the meeting and resumed as Chair.

## 6.23 BANGO WIND FARM COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### SUMMARY

Advising on nominations received for the Bango Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Advisory Committee.

***RESOLVED that item is classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance contrary to the public interest.***

***(Butler/Charry)405***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 7. Notice of Motion

Nil

## **8. Questions with Notice**

### **8.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE - CR ALVARO CHARRY**

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#### **Motion**

##### **RESOLVED that:**

- 1. Council reaffirm its commitment to prioritising road rehabilitation and maintenance programs that address demonstrable safety risks on local and regional roads across the Yass Valley LGA in line with budget allocation.**
- 2. Council acknowledge the introduction of AI-enabled camera technology as an important enhancement to Council's road assessment and decision-making processes and confirm its intent to use this data to strengthen transparency, prioritisation and responsiveness in future road programs.**
- 3. Council reaffirms its commitment to publishing upcoming road maintenance schedules on the Council website.**
- 4. Council reassure the affected communities that their advocacy has been heard and that Yass Valley Council will continue to do everything reasonably within its constrained financial environment and legislative capacity to address safety-critical road issues throughout the Yass Valley.**

**(Charry/Burgess) 406**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## **9. Minutes and Recommendations of Council Committees**

### **9.1 MINUTES OF THE RYE PARK WIND FARM COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2025**

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#### **REPORT**

As per the Terms of Reference, the Committee provides advice and recommendations to Council only, with no decision-making delegations. Therefore, actions identified in the attached minutes will require the formal approval by Council before any commitment or adjustment to the Operational Plan/Budget is made.

Accordingly, the minutes are presented for information.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Rye Park Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Committee meeting held on 10 November 2025 be noted.**

**(Charry/McGrath) 407**

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, D Carter, A Charry, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

## 9.2 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM MEETING HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2025

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### REPORT

The minutes of the Local Transport Forum meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 are included in **Attachment A**.

As per the Terms of Reference, the Local Transport Forum provides advice and recommendations to Council only, with no decision-making delegations. Therefore, actions identified in the attached minutes will require the formal approval by Council before any commitment or adjustment to the Operational Plan/Budget is made.

Accordingly, the minutes are presented for information.

### Recommendation

*That the minutes of the Local Transport Forum meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 be noted and adopt the following recommendations:*

That:

1. **2025 Christmas on Comur Street Event**

That the 2025 Christmas on Comur Street event and associated road closures (Crago Street carpark from 7.00am to 9.00pm and Comur Street from 4.00pm to 8.30pm) to be held on Thursday 11th December 2025 be approved subject to the following conditions:

- a. The organiser is to supply Council with a copy of the current Public Liability Insurance for the event with a minimum \$20,000,000 indemnity. Transport for NSW, NSW Police and Yass Valley Council are to be identified on the insurance document as “interested parties” or equivalent;
- b. The event organiser develop and implement a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and associated Traffic Guidance Scheme (TSG); (Council to arrange)
- c. The event organiser provide Council with a Risk Management Plan for the event;
- d. The event organiser is responsible for directly notifying all residents that may be affected by the approved events as soon as possible;
- e. The event organiser is responsible for placing signs in the Crago Street carpark advising of the closure of the carpark; (Council to arrange)
- f. The event organiser is responsible for directly notifying all commercial premises in Comur Street from Polding Street to the Yass River advising of the road closure of Comur Street;
- g. The event organiser is responsible for directly notifying all school bus operators of the road closure of Comur Street as soon as possible;
- h. That the event organiser is responsible for public notification of the road closure; (Council to arrange)
- i. Event marshals and event participants will at all times obey the provisions of NSW Transport Legislation;
- j. The event organiser is to arrange the supply and installation/removal of appropriate signs identified in the TMP and associated TGS. All personnel involved must be appropriate accredited; (Council to arrange)
- k. The event organiser is to ensure any local traffic and emergency services vehicles can safely and efficiently access/egress any property impacted by the TMP and associated TGS;

- l. Event organisers, event marshals, volunteers and event participants are to take all possible actions to minimise the effect of the event on the non-event community, throughout the event;
- m. The event organiser is to determine if any hostile vehicle defences are required and arrange for these to be implemented if appropriate;
- n. Event organisers shall comply with the above conditions and the undertakings in its submission. Failure to comply will immediately void this approval.

2. **Traffic Safety Concerns on Mont Street, Cliff Street, Link Road and Weemilah Street Yass**  
That:

- a. Council not support the request for establishing a High Pedestrian Activity Area on Mont Street part of Cliff Street, part of Links Road and Weemilah Street.
- b. Council not support the current request to install traffic calming devices on Mont Street, part of Cliff Street, part of Links Road and Weemilah Street.
- c. The request to establish a High Pedestrian Activity Area on Polding Street from the intersection Comur Street to Church Street be referred to the review of establishing a High Pedestrian Activity Area on Comur Street.
- d. Council modify the parallel street parking arrangements on Polding Street, adjacent to the northwest side of Woolworth carpark exits, so no vehicle can park closer than 10m from the exit driveways to improve sight distance.

(Butler/McGrath)(408)

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

At 7.15pm Councillor Carter left the meeting.

**10. Confidential Matters**

***RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993 the following items on the agenda be classified as CONFIDENTIAL and considered in the Closed Meeting of Council in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act for the reasons as specified:***

- 10.1 Bango Wind Farm Community Enhancement Funds Advisory Committee**  
***Item 10.1 is confidential in accordance with section s10(A)(2)(a) of the Local Government Act because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance contrary to the public interest and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.***

(Butler/McGrath) 409

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

Closed Council commenced at 7.17pm.

**Motion**

***RESOLVED that the Council meeting time be extended until 7.45pm.***

***(Cameron/Charry) 410***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

**CONFIDENTIAL MAYORAL MINUTE - CEO PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT**

***RESOLVED That Council:***

- 1. Note the Panel's recommendations for the CEO Performance Agreement 2025-26.***
- 2. Feedback on the CEO's Performance Agreement 2025-26 is to be submitted to the Mayor by 5 December 2025.***
- 3. A mayoral Minute at the December Meeting of Council will see this agreement resolved.***

***(Jones) 411***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

At 7.23pm Councillor Burgess left the meeting.

## 10.1 BANGO WIND FARM COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### SUMMARY

Advising on nominations received for the Bango Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Advisory Committee.

***RESOLVED that Council accept the appointment of***

- ***Kate Walker***
- ***Jamie Te Huia***

***As the Community representatives on the Bango Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Advisory Committee until 30 June 2026.***

FOR: Councillors K Butler, A Cameron, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

***(McGrath/Charry) 412***

At 7.32pm Councillor Burgess returned to the Chambers.

***RESOLVED that the meeting move into Open Council.***

***(McGrath/Charry) 372***

FOR: Councillors C Burgess, K Butler, A Cameron, A Charry, F Flanery, J Jones and A McGrath

AGAINST: Nil

Open Council resumed at 7.33 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm.